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AOW3E-Hermene Warlick EICHHORN: "Mary Magdalene," 24p. me. (J. Fischer & Bro., 60¢). Text by Rose M. Phillips. Crucifixion section opens with hard minor-key introduction, and then the voices in somber mood tell the story in poetic text and appropriate music, some measures of great beauty, voices and accompaniment carrying along in-dependently, concluding with, "And sorrowing sees them seal the somber, chilly tomb." Next section, Journey to the Sepulchre, gives the story in more appealing music, proving that in order to effectively tell a sad story the music need not lack appeal; this makes good music. Third section, Resurrection, begins with a plaintive theme on "Oh, ah," carrying along for two pages, somewhat in contrapuntal style, and then a brief section marked "unison or speech, choir or reader." Then the "Oh, ah" theme returns for two pages. Treatments like this tend to rule the music chiefly for the more experienced choirs and educated congregations, or suggest use in a musicale or for concert. This third section is composed entirely of these two very unusual treatments. Next, In the Garden, we have a solo of real charm, making lovely music that tells the story no less effectively because it is lovely instead of hard. Sing O Earth closes the cantata in the proper mood of rejoicing, music of normal character to climax the Easter story. The text is of fine poetic character, with Bible references as a guide in each movement. For any well-trained choir of women's voices here is something of unusual interest,

and it won't sound just like some other work you've presented.

AO4+E—Bernard ROGERS: "The Passion," 130p. md. (Elkan-Vogel, \$2.75). Text adapted by Charles Rodda. A work of considerable proportions, orchestral score rentable; the reproduction is by photographing the manuscript direct, which adds to the difficulties of presentation; none the less any organist willing to work under such difficulties should examine the score for himself. The music is of high quality, though there are spots of deliberate hardness, much dividing of parts, to discourage the average choir already hard-pressed for sufficient rehearsal time. The story begins with the entry to Jerusalem and ends with the resurrection. Why not have this cantata available after the war in an engraved edition?

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COUSTICAL designs of the various spaces in the new Music Building of the University of Texas, at Austin, were evolved in accordance with the better classical acoustical ideas, together with a number of the more modern concepts. The design was intended to furnish proper acoustical insulation between spaces of the building and also to provide interior acoustical behavior which would as nearly as possible fulfil the modern ideas on this subject. For example, it is currently felt that the frequency-range of music-rooms should be very greatly increased over the range normally encountered in such rooms, because of the fact that the ear is receptive over a frequency band two to three times as wide as that normally covered by straightforward designs.

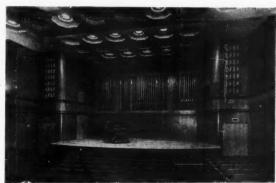
In order to achieve proper isolation, more or less standard practises were followed with extreme attention paid to details of the processes. Thus teaching-studios are separated from each other by two tile walls connected only at a minimum of points. Each of these walls supports a rather elaborate spring-mounted structure which allows the interior walls of each room to move slightly. In this manner sound is allowed to pass from room to room through the walls only with considerable difficulty. That is, soundwaves strike the wall and cause it to vibrate without an appreciable part of the vibration's being transmitted through the massive tile walls into the adjacent room. If one imagines a spring attached to the wall of a building with a small boy pushing and pulling on the end of the spring, it is clear that the wall does not move very much, although the spring itself wiggles considerably.



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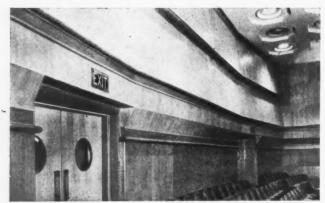


THE BUSINESS END
This is the way the audience sees it in recital hall of the new Music Building,
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In order to prevent sound's leaking from room to room through other parts, additional precautions have been taken. Thus, all windows are double; all doors are Sabine-type acoustical-insulating doors, so arranged that sound passes through two doors and an intervening sound-lock in order to get into an adjacent room. Ceilings are suspended by springs, and floors are floated on springs. All masonry cracks are tightly sealed to prevent leakage which would otherwise be encountered.

As a result of these precautions, it is quite possible to have teaching-studios and practise-studios immediately adjacent without interference between them. It is true, of course, that considerable space was required for these acoustical structures and that great care had to be taken during construction to prevent inaccuracies' spoiling the entire plan. The results obtained, however, seem to justify the measures taken.

In order to obtain rooms which would respond as nearly equally over the entire audible musical range as possible, some of the newer concepts in acoustics were employed. Thus every effort is made to conserve sound and not to absorb it. Walls, ceilings, and floors are of relatively hard polished material for the purpose of reflecting high



A BETTER VIEW
of the details of wall-construction in the unique auditorium that resulted from
Dr. C. P. Boner's studies in acoustics.

frequency, particularly those involved in the higher harmonics of musical tones. It should be noted, however, that this goal may be reached by employing, for example, polished marble surfaces, with dire results as far as hearing is concerned. Therefore, in order to secure the desired musical result, it is necessary to take two most important steps which eliminate even more serious difficulties than

the mere loss of high frequencies.

One necessary step is to reduce the response of the room to bass notes (low frequencies). It is unfortunately true that the air in a room absorbs high frequencies better than low frequencies. The same thing is true of people's clothing, people's hair, plush seats, and the like. Thus the ideal acoustical audience would be an audience without hair and without clothing, enclosed in some sort of humid atmosphere which would not absorb high pitches better than low. This solution apparently not being satisfactory in our present society, it then becomes necessary to compensate for loss of high frequencies by introducing corresponding losses only at low frequencies. This result is accomplished by making the interior surfaces of the room hard and smooth, while leaving them free to vibrate at low frequencies. Thus the same moving walls necessary for insulation are serviceable in holding low frequencies in check. Ceilings of the music-building rooms are of hard plaster; walls are floating plywood; floors are of

floating edge-grain wood.

The second precaution which must be taken in such rooms is to prevent multiple echoes along the same path such as occur between surfaces which are parallel. This result is accomplished by placing many of the surfaces at curious angles with respect to one another. Thus, in the recital hall the floor slopes toward the front as customary and hence is not parallel to the ceiling. The ceiling itself is heavily coffered in order to break up initial reflections of sound. The lower portion of the side walls is inclined so as to reflect sound downward toward the audience. The upper part of the side walls is in the form of V's. The rear wall is curved and sloped so as to make it non-parallel to stage surfaces. Ceilings of teaching-studios are made in the form of a V with its apex on the center line of the room. End walls of the studios are also V'd. Because of space limitations, side walls of the studios were allowed to remain flat. As a result of this feature of design, discrete echoes are remarkably missing in these rooms, although the rooms themselves are acoustically 'live.'

Its not being known at the time of design how musicians would react to teaching-studios with acoustical 'liveness' under many and supposedly ideal conditions, it was decided to incorporate individual control of acoustics in each room. This was done by providing sidewall curtains on tracks which can be extended over the wall surfaces or retracted into the room corners at the will of the teacher. Each studio, therefore, can be converted from an extremely

lively room to a reasonably dead room at a moment's notice. Early indications are that musicians in many cases prefer the room to be live rather than dead. Under these conditions and with the designs as worked out for this building, a small room appears to have considerably more volume than it normally has, from the standpoint of music heard in the room.

In the rehearsal hall of this building still more advanced acoustical ideas were employed. For example, it is currently felt that acoustical performance is improved if the strength of sound reflected from a surface at any single reflection is not large at any single listening point. In other words, a wall or other surface should not focus sound at a point but should, if possible, spread out the reflected sound as much as possible. One excellent way of doing this trick is to reflect the sound from convex cylinders. Consequently the walls of the rehearsal hall were made in the form of multiple cylinders with their convex sides into the room. The ceiling of this room is in the form of twin V's, although the floor as usual is flat. In order to control bass notes in the room, Helmholt resonators were incorporated in wall cylinders. These resonators are simply holes in the cylinder surfaces communicating with an interior air-tight volume.

Experience to date with this building seems to indicate that all the faith placed in modern acoustical design has been justified. It is apparently no longer necessary to incorporate absorbing materials into music-room designs together with their inherent difficulties. On the other hand, as is well known, it is dangerous to discard acoustical absorption unless the entire architectural design is worked out according to sound acoustically controlled plans. A mere attempt to conserve high frequencies and upper harmonics of musical tones without at the same time controlling low frequencies and reflection from room

surfaces will certainly lead to disaster.

(To be continued)



MUSIC BUILDING
Concert auditorium, windowless, is in the rear; building houses also a rehearsal hall and 45 practise-rooms and teaching-studios.

On Christmas Day

By GUSTAV F. DOHRING

An organ-man's reverie—in his chalet overlooking the Hudson

E is resting on his comfortable couch. Across the room a log fire blazes in the rock-built hearth of his own design. Exhaustion, caused by weeks of tiring endeavor to keep abreast of Christmastide organ-maintenance, patiently and diplomatically dealing with the real and imaginary organ ailments reported by dear organist friends, all in the end wishing him a Merry Christmas, he is truly thankful that another period of effort is ended. Victimized also by the current attack of colds and the sneezes contracted in cold churches where conservation of fuel is

the order of the day—and in the bargain expected to do a fine job of tuning at temperatures from 45° to 60° — the measure of endurance is indeed full to over-flowing.

Then there is the lack of experienced help. In these strenuous wartimes 'there haint no such thing.' The younger assistants are in the service. The still able ones above serviceage have followed the louder call of higher wages in warwork. So it is left to the remaining incumbent to make the best of his contracted obligations. The Boss becomes the Servant to existing circumstances.

In summing up the pre-Christmas maintenance obligations, the memory of the last few days is that of a hectic experience. On Thursday there was a phone call, St. Mary's reporting ciphers and the danger of the flexible main windtrunk's springing a leak—both items sufficient to endanger the use of the organ for Christmas. Most of this was due to a dropsical condition from the roof gutter. Relief was administered.

St. Luke's the same day reported the low-G Pedal Bourdon performing a constant monotone. And this was attended to. In the evening the Fr. Bishop of St. Philip's phoned that the organ was "in terrible condition." He was pacified; the case would have attention Friday morning. The dear tracker of ancient vintage in Adams Memorial—72 years in service in its original condition—on which T.S.B. performed for seven years an age ago—experienced a case of tracker congestion, leaving the keys as flat as a board, and as unplayable. This also was attended.

Then on Friday afternoon the 24th the thought that all the St. Marys, St. Lukes, St. Philips and other Saints had had due attention was interrupted by the telephone; my office was reporting that an organ in Hackensack craved attention—a dose of ciphers. And an organ fifty miles to the south demanded attention or the Rumson midnight service would suffer. Fortunately a most faithful chauffeur agreed to the trip. Leaving Hackensack at 8:00 p.m. we arrived at Rumson at 10:00, corrected the besetting disorders, finishing at 10:40 in time to hear the carillonneur begin his Christmas carols.

Home was reached by 1:00 a.m. on Christmas day. A Merry Christmas indeed!



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P.S.: The novice in organ matters will ask, Why all this disorder at such crucial times? The answer is the combination of cold and dry-heating in churches; it tends to contract action-primaries and other parts, causing action-wind leakage—and the resulting disorders.



REHEARSAL HALL

Note the special treatment of walls and ceiling—the result of Dr. C. P.

Boner's studies in accustics for music rooms.

Moral: Does all this hectic experience make the Organ Man render his service grudgingly? It does not. When he contemplates the satisfaction and comfort thus given to congregations, organists, and ministers at the feast of Christmas, he has the added satisfaction of knowing he has rendered a worthwhile service—in the name of Peace and Good Will to all men.

Periods in Organbuilding

By MARTIN W. BUSH Chairman of the music department of the University of Omaha

• The eighteenth-century organ was simple, characterized by great clarity of tone and the absence of imitative solo voices. Low wind-pressure, mechanical action, and the fact that Yankee ingenuity had not yet devised pipes which would imitate the various instruments of the orchestra, forced the builders of that day to strive for brilliance rather than variety of tonecolor. All their pipes sounded much alike, but by adding to the pipes which sounded the foundation tone others which sounded the natural harmonics of that tone, they achieved brilliance. As the classic composers exploited counterpoint instead of variety of tonecolor, so the classic organbuilders developed brilliance and clarity instead of imitative tones.

The twentieth-century organ is romantic, characterized by voices which imitate all instruments of the orchestra. High wind-pressure, electric action, and a genius for invention made this achievement possible. The eighteenth-century organ was vertical; the successive rows of pipes went up in pitch, to remedy the lack of brilliance inherent in the organ by reenforcing the harmonics. The twentieth-century organ is horizontal; the successive rows of pipes are nearly all of the same pitch, but differ from each other in tonecolor. This addition to the tonal resources of the organ is intentional; another and unfortunate effect is not, for the blending of these tonecolors produces a blurred ensemble, notably inferior to the clear tone of the older organs. These characterizations are adequate to describe nearly all existing organs, save that the larger ones commonly have several rows of pipes producing a smooth tone of great power, which make the organs very loud, but do not remedy the blurred tone of the full

The 'classical organ' is contemporary, characterized by an effort to recover the clarity of tone found in the eighteenth-century organ. Accordingly, it is a vertical organ, possessing mutations and mixtures, which reenforce the essential harmonics, producing brilliance and clarity rather than loudness and blusted tone.

and blurred tone.

[Mr. Bush's definitions were originally written for students of Omaha University in connection with his "program arranged as an annual feature . . . for the Humanities Department."—ED.]

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

AND REVIEWS

In which the members of the profession and industry speak for themselves through the record of their actions and thus provide food for thought on topics of current importance to the world of the organ.

Some Criticisms—Some Praise

ERE'S a letter I like. Yes-men are the most tiresome creatures; this man isn't one. I'd like to give his name but possibly he prefers it otherwise.

"It's about time I dropped you a line and sent my renewal; I wouldn't drop T.A.O. for anything, but at times your comments about liturgical services and theological connotations annoy me extremely. Leave those things to people who really know them and for heaven's sake ease up on some of the nonsense implying that nonimitative organ voices have no color or emotional appeal. Whether labeled Flute d'Orchestre, Blockfloete, Krummhorn, or Mixture, such registers must have musical use and validity apart from only baroque right to existence. I look for as much sympathetic quality in a Rohrfloete as in an English Horn and just because a piece was written before 1750 it is not void of expressive character.

"Your comments on people like Corelli, Marcello, Grace, Clerambault seem to indicate a blind-spot in your musical

"Lastly why is a thing merely good for or as church music? Certainly that which we offer to God should be as good, as expressive of His gift of inspiration and great understanding, as we can make it. Just because it avoids the theatrical, insincere, and cosmopolitan external appeal does not damn it in the ears of musical listeners.

"So be it. Them's my sentiments (not for general publication). Don't feel too badly. I have no malice."

Bet your life he has no malice. He's merely as interested in church music as I am, and since both of us have studied and practised church music for many years, we naturally differ violently on details. All of which is as it should be. Yes-men are the world's most horrible nuisance.

Mr. Robert Elmore's Donkey Dance is a dandy piece of music for its purpose, but not for church. It would be miserable church music. Dr. Gordon Balch Nevin's Will o' the Wisp, ditto. To say a piece of music is good only for church has no more insult behind it than to say it is good only for

One of the reasons I like such a letter is that its author did not first consider what the recipient might think or how he might feel; he had something on his mind and that is what he said. T.A.O. readers want these pages written that way. No one wants a writer to first consider how someone might react to a given statement before making that statement. Most music magazines are newspapers; they cannot afford to make statements that might offend someone. But T.A.O. wasn't built for platitudes. It was built to bring thoughts—new ones if possible—out into the open for hot discussions and clear thinking. Both Miss Soosie and Dr. Pedalthumper are free to tell T.S.B. to go to blazes any time they want to, and he'll like them all the more for it; but he won't continue to like either of them if they believe what he says without first testing it by thought or action.

Mr. Maurice Rumsey has just completed a half-hour's program over WNYC, substituting for Dr. Robert Leech Bedell, from the Brooklyn Museum. I've known him by name a long time; it was a surprise when I accidentally tuned in and heard them say he would play. It's an Æolian-Skinner—

stoplist published in T.A.O. somewhere, I'm sure.

It is none too safe to attempt to talk about incidental organplaying, whether in church or over the radio, but Mr. Rumsey's playing was good. Along with a Bach transcription, Bossi, Faulkes, and Purcell, before whom it's popular for all organists to bow in reverence, he played Edmundson, and to my taste Mr. Edmundson had more to say than any of the rest and was saying it more eloquently. As to Mr. Rumsey, we've got to listen to a lot of organ-

As to Mr. Rumsey, we've got to listen to a lot of organplaying before we hear any as good as his was for general registrational excellence, clean-cut avoidance of the muddiness that spoils almost all organ work. The public would like organ music if they heard more of it presented as attractively as Mr. Rumsey did.

Thanks to Dr. Charles Heinroth we now have on file the program-books of his recitals in Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, from 1918-19 season up to and including 1931-32, with the exception of the 1928-29 volume. Dr. Marshall Bidwell took over in 1932, and his books to date are on file. Dr. Heinroth came to City College, New York, upon resigning from Carnegie Institute, and we have the City College booklets from Mr. Samuel A. Baldwin's first programs in 1908 up to the closing of the recitals at the end of the 1940-41 season.

These books carry program-notes and are indexed; they are an invaluable repertoire guide for the complete period. We wish we had the missing 1928-29 volume, and also any earlier ones that may have been published between the time Mr. Heinroth began his Pittsburgh recitals in 1907 and the 1918-



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19 book which we already have. Nobody can predict the future, but the intention is to preserve these booklets permanently, along with the many other documents that merit permanent preservation.

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Hymn-Playing By ROWLAND W. DUNHAM Associate Editor, Church Department

HERE are differences of opinion on hymn-playing as on everything else. In giving my own views on a few details I am referring to the advice given by Dr. Clarence Dickinson in his book (Gray) on organ playing, and noting how even the best advice can lead to poor results when followed with exaggeration instead of musical discrimination.

"Play a hymn as you would a sustained movement of a sonata, exercising the same care in separating notes repeated in the same part, and connecting with perfect legato all others," is good advice, all too often badly interpreted. In the tune "Hamburg," for example, the first chord is repeated in all four parts; but if we hear it played with a complete silence between the chords, to make the repeated notes actually repeat, the result is likely to be choppy and foreign to the best organ style for the support of choral effort of any

In playing a hymntune the organist is not playing an organ piece at all; he is actually making a transcription to meet the requirements of a special occasion. In the "Hamburg" example, I believe the bass note F should be tied over; some might prefer to tie the contralto note C, or even both C and F. In all such places, some note ought to be sustained, it seems to me. Experience and good taste will govern the amount of tieing over that may be necessary. A good example of hymn-playing was often heard in the old Ford Sunday evening radio programs; there the orchestra sounded legato, but at the same time it was rhythmical. Certainly the organ must sound both rhythmical and legato in accompanying group singing.

Another matter of importance is the length of the last note of each phrase. We have all heard organists clip off the ends of each phrase so abruptly as to result in too long a period of silence. The break should be so subtly managed as to be very slight indeed—perhaps like the change of bow

Nowadays none of us would tie all repeated notes "indiscriminately so that the playing is without pulse," but that was the habit not so many decades ago. We know now that decided rhythmical projection of hymns must always maintain. The point is how far to sacrifice, for what we believe to be rhythm, the sustaining qualities of the organ.



Handel, and diapasons

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759) was ostensibly a composer of opera, oratorio, cantata and music of the Church, and as such, made important use of the organ as a medium of expression. Few were his works for organ alone. The most important of these were twelve organ concertos. Originally they were inserted between sections of his oratorios with the purpose of providing relaxation, and in order that a lighter atmosphere might pervade the audience.

Handel's forty operas, written from 1711 to 1737, contain in many instances, the inimitable characteristics which pervade his oratorios and which seem to be the essence of his style. Of twenty-seven oratorios, probably the most revered, and certainly the most frequently performed, is "The Messiah."

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As to the time between stanzas, here we have a question also. It would be easy merely to tell our pupils that this should be exactly one measure of rest, with the organ holding the chord for all excepting one full beat before the next stanza is to be started. But I do not believe this period can be settled so precisely. It should be long enough to "give the congregation time to take a breath between stanzas," but it should not savor of such exactness as to make the hymn sound like a continuous composition. Years ago almost all teachers suggested taking over on the Swell for this final organ hold-over, but to modern ears that now is only a bad habit.

I insist that hymns as we play them are really transcriptions. We must play them with enough continuous legato to be organ-like, and yet with an incisiveness that shall be suitably rhythmical; that is the way we now hear them in our best American churches.

Some New Organ Music Reviews by ROLAND DIGGLE, Mus.Doc.

• There is a charming First Suite of Four Pieces from King Arthur by PURCELL, arranged for organ by Stainton Taylor (Hinrichsen-Gray), consisting of Trumpet Tune, Shepherd's Song, Fairest Isle, Final Chorus. Arrangements are easy & effective; while not Purcell at his best, the music is worth playing.

A good arrangement of HAYDN'S Emperor Variations from String Quartet, Op.76, has been made by A.V.Butcher (Hinrichsen-Gray). Certainly nothing of the tuneful geniality of Haydn's music is lost in the transcription.

Toccata-Intermezzo-Fugue by Richard HALL (Henrichsen-Gray) is rather an uneven work. Toccata is brilliant, with rapid chromatic figuration and all sorts of bravura effects; on a good instrument and played with the right spirit it should prove effective and popular. Intermezzo in 7-8 time contains some touches of beauty and with the right registration will be impressive in contrast to the first number. Fugue disappoints me; the only use I can see for it is as a sort of background to be played while a Baptist minister tells his son the facts of life; it is that sort of music.

Delightful, practical, and a "must" is Dr. Clarence Dickinson's arrangement of Two Old French Noels by Claude BAL-BASTRE: Bethrothal of Joseph and Mary, Listen Good People Unto Me, 8 pages of easy, charming music that every soul in the land will enjoy hearing. Of course the registration will go a long way towards making it a success but I believe it can also be done on a four-stop unit. I hope you will all play it, not only at Christmas; the tunes are not so well known, so it can be used almost any time.

The last few words also apply to Dr. Harvey GAUL'S Song for the Golden Harvest (Gray), a fine number based on an ancient theme-good old Harvey at his best. It goes from Vox Humanas to an 'ell of a noise, yet holds together and almost plays itself. I like it very much and believe you will find it as exciting a recital number as you have seen in some time.

Of real practical value are the new numbers by Kenneth WALTON (Sprague-Coleman). Coventry Carol is too late for wide use this year, but I do not see why such a number could not be used as a service prelude at any time. The melody is charming. Under one cover are Prelude on Veni Emmanuel and Postlude on St. Thomas, an admirable prelude and effective postlude, neither of them difficult nor demanding more than an average instrument. Both tunes are well known and the Composer has been wise enough not to hide them under a lot of modern harmony. I like the postlude best and as this tune is sung to a number of hymns it can be used all through the year.

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Kenneth WALTON is also responsible for an expressive number, Sunrise (Broadcast Music Co.). This piece of five pages builds up from soft strings to full-organ climax, a climax that is even more effective with the title in mind. It is not difficult and should make a good service prelude or recital number. I have found all these numbers by Mr. Wal-

ton most practical for service use and teaching.

Also for teaching I recommend Twelve Pedal Studies for Left Hand and Pedal by H. William HAWKE (Elkan-Vogel). These fine studies should be in the hands of every good organist in the country, not only for their pupils' use but for their own. I have consistently used Mr. Hawke's Ten Pedal Studies published about a year ago; but excellent as they are for real practical use, this new book must be

given first place.

An excellent pedal solo for recital is *Toccata Basse* by Robert Leech BEDELL (Elkan-Vogel). It calls for real technic and it would not hurt any of us to keep a copy near the organ and play it through a few times each month. Two other numbers by Dr. Bedell that deserve special mention are Impromptu-Caprice and Canzone (Flammer). Both are well written for the instrument and at the same time show an individual style of their own. They will make good service material and I have found the Impromptu-Caprice goes well on a recital program.

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Ho everyone, Martin Whence is that goodly, Baker Bach, Old Year Hath Passed *Purcell, Prelude Send out Thy Light, Gounod DuMage, Grand-Jeu *Franck, Cantabile Kyrie Eleison, Sowerby He watching over Israel, Mendelssohn Widor, 2: Toccata *Widor, Gothic: Andante Benedictus es Domine, Barnes All creatures of our God, Chapman Franck, Piece Heroique *Peeters, Chorale & Adagio We have seen His star, Titcomb Venite, Goodson Benedictus es Domine, Matthews In humble faith, Garrett Moffat, Toccata

E. Power Biggs' Broadcasts Oct. 3, 1943 — March 26, 1944 • The 1942-43 season was sum-

marized on July 1943 p.160, but this year the list of pieces scheduled is not available, rather only the outline of the program-plan. Mr. Biggs broadcasts Sundays at 9:15 a.m., e.w.t., on the 3-25 Aeolian-Skinner in Harvard Museum's Germanic Museum under the sponsorship of Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge and C.B.S. Details of the organ will be found in March 1938 T.A.O.

One of the most unusual ideas for program-making was Mr. Biggs' playing of the six Bach and six Mendelssohn sonatas by pairs in six programs. Two programs were devoted to the Choralpreludes and Preludes & Fugues of Brahms, and two to the organ music of Liszt. One presented Canadian and English composers, another English and French composers before Bach, and another German and Italian composers prior to

The following were among the works played in the six programs with the Fiedler Sinfonietta:

Porter, Fantasy on Pastorale Theme Rheinberger's Concertos in F, Gm Effinger's Concerto Hindemith's Concerto

Other programs presented the organ in ensemble with Stradivarius Quartet & harpsichord, flute & strings, brasses, flute & oboe, viola.

A Freedom Service

Federal Lee Whittlesey director and Alma Haller Way organist gave a special thanksgiving service with their five choirs in Covenant Church, Erie, Pa.: Bach, We Thank Thee Christ Our Lord Bach, Come Together Let Us Sing Yon, Hymn of Glory Hokanson, Song of Thanksgiving Processional. Processional.

"Come together let us sing," Bach
j, "Thanks be to Thee," Handel

"Glorious forever," Rachmaninoff
Freedom from Want
j, "Father we thank Thee," Taylor
j, "Lord we thank Thee," Curran

"List to the lark," Dickinson

"Now thank we all our God," ar.Mueller
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"Hymn of Pilgrims," ar. from MacDowell
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Freedom of Worship

"Shofar is sounded," Hebrew*

"Sh'ma Yisroel," Hebrew*

"O Holy Father," Palestrina*

"Let hearts awaken," Gregorian, ar.Clokey*

"Come let us return," Kalinnikov*

"Lo a voice to heaven," Bortniansky*

"Worship," Shaw*

"My country 'iis of thee'" Benediction.

"My country 'tis of thee," Benediction.

Bach, Praise be to God

*This group presented two Jewish, two
Roman Catholic, two Eastern Orthodox, and one Protestant selection. As will be noted, only four of the millions of freedoms that are man's God-given right were selected for this special service.

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• for six years sponsored a program of music, music news, and comments, over a Los Angeles radio station. In November the Pacific Coast Musician "in a certain broadcast took definite exception" to a national policy "purportedly emanating from the war manpower commission" and "on the day following this broadcast the P.C.M. was notified that its broadcasting would be discontinued." The suppression of free speech was one of Hitler's early moves toward the conquest of his nation. See P.C.M. Dec.18, p.4 for details. P.C.M. Dec.18, p.4 for details.



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Cynthia Weinrich

• was born Feb. 3 in the Le Roy Sanitarium, New York. Hooray! This makes four— Mr. & Mrs. Carl Weinrich, Elise aged 5, and Cynthia, all of them doing grandly.

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Edouard Nies-Berger • substituted in St. Nicholas Collegiate, New York, during Hugh Porter's absence on tour

during February. McConnell and Harvey

• Frank A. McConnell, assistant organist of St. Thomas Church, New York, has been appointed organist of St. James, Lancaster, Pa. Richard W. Harvey succeeds him as assistant at St. Thomas.

J. Thurston Noe

• of South Methodist, Manchester, Conn., has been appointed to Calvary Baptist, New York, where he will play a 4m Welte-Tripp and organize choirs of a hundred voices. Mr. Noe was organist of Calvary twice before, from 1923 to 1928, and 1931 to 1936. A. G. O. Notes

• S. Lewis Elmer, warden, made a January tour of eight Guild chapters in the middle west, going as far as Iowa. The Guild's spring music festival is set for week of May details later

M.S.M. or S.M.M.

Thanks to the reader who suggested that the degree Master of Sacred Music, earned by graduates of the School of Sacred Music, New York, should be correctly given as S.M.M. The question was referred to Dr. Clarence Dickinson who reports that S.M.M. is technically correct because of the way that School applied to the Board of Regents for permission to grant the degree, but, says Dr. Dickinson, the graduates prefer and use it M.S.M. Since M.S.M. most directly deit M.S.M. Since M.S.M. most directly defines the degree, and since it is most frequently used in public that way, T.A.O. will continue to so use it, none the less appreciating the courtesy of our reader who raised the question.

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● In reviewing Dr. Clarence Dickinson's book, Choir Loft & Pulpit, it was stated "most of the pieces are taken from the H. W. Gray catalogue, as this book is a Gray publication." Possibly a careless reader might infer that either the H. W. Gray Co. wanted it that way or Dr. Dickinson was biased in his calculations. his selections; anyone making such inference doesn't know either the H. W. Gray Co. or Dr. Dickinson. Actually the organ pieces are mostly not Gray—156 others to only 90 Gray. The review meant anthems; there the tabulation shows about 214 Gray to 35 others. Every publisher develops his own particular characteristics and Dr. Dick-

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inson was only being true to his own ideals in saying what he himself had used in his own services. Does anyone want a man to endorse music he isn't perfectly familiar with or doesn't use? Thank heaven, we st'll have men who are true to themselves and don't try to play politics with their public.

He's In the Army Now

 and probably being so worked to death that he hasn't time to report for this column. Granville Munson, Jr., formerly of Philadelphia, is now a second lieutenant, with the artillery. Birger H. Nilsen is now a sergeant, serv-

origer H. Nilsen is now a sergeant, serving as chapel organist and chaplain's assistant in Camp Plauche, New Orleans. Says his chaplain: "Sgt. Nilsen played Christmacarols and arranged special singing and instrumental selections over the amplification system installed in Chapel No. 1, the Sergeant playing daily programs which were amplified throughout the entire camp. These proved popular with the men and programs are now being planned similarly for the Lenten and Easter season."

Marks Corporation's Anniversary

 Edward B. Marks Music Corporation, New York, celebrated its 50th anniversary with an "open house cocktail party and exhibit of musical and theatrical Americana" Feb. 7 & 8, and an anniversary musicale Feb. 10 in Steinway Hall. Among those of interest to the organ world on the Honorary Commit-tee were Hans Barth, Charles Wakefield Cadman, Dr. Roland Diggle, Philip James, Daniel Gregory Mason, Jaromir Weinberger; other prominent committeemen included Marion Bauer, Aaron Copland, Henry Cowell, John Erskine, Rudolph Ganz, Alex. Gret-chaninoff, Edwin Hughes, David Mannes, Isidore Philipp, Wm. Schuman, Bernard Wagenaar

E. O. Shulenberger

• died Feb. 18 of heart attack, in Hagerstown, Md. "One of the executive geniuses of the organ world," he joined the Moller organization in 1897 and was vicepresident at the time of his death; he never really re-covered his accustomed robust health after an almost-disastrous automobile accident late in 1939. A summary of his life and work will be presented in these pages as soon as it can be adequately prepared.

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 DR. ROBERT LEECH BEDELL Museum, Brooklyn, WNYC Broadcasts March 8, 29, 10:15 a.m., e.w.t.

March 8, 29, 10:15 a.m., e.w.t *Brewer, Triumphal March Pasquet, Aria; Noel. Bedell, Fanfare d'Orgue Diggle, Intermezzo; Epilogue. *Diggle, Song of Triumph Edmundson, Prelude Our Father Prelude on Schumann Theme Bedell, Grand Chorus; Legende; Toccata Basse

Toccata Basse Dr. Bedell plays every Wednesday, same place & hour; all five March programs will be American composers.

 Marcian composers.
 SABEL D. FERRIS
 Wilson College, Chambersburg
 March 25, 8:15
 Handel's Water Music
 Buxtehude, Concert Fugue G
 Bach, Toccata F
 Franck, Chorale 1 Franck, Chorale 1 Schumann, Canon Bm Vierne, Clair de Lune Weaver, Cuckoo Bennett, Son.G: Allegretto Middelschulte, Perpetuum Mobile

Middelschulte, Perpetuum Mobile
Widor, 5: Finale
HAROLD FINK
Fordham Lutheran, New York
March 5, 4:00, Red Cross Benefit
Bach, Fantasia & Fugue Gm
Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came
Son,3: Andante
Con Am: Allegro Con.Am: Allegro Franck, Chorale Bm

Reubke's Sonata LAVAHN MAESCH *Tirst Congregational, Appleton, Wisc. March 5, 12, 19, 26, 4:30

*DeLamarter, Carillon
Buxtehude, Chaconne Em Buxtenude, Chaconne Em Bach, Come Sweet Death Handel, Sarabande Clerambault, Dialogue Whitlock, Plymouth Suite: Toccata Brahms, Two Choralpreludes Edmundson, Redset

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Bach, Two Choralpreludes
Couperin, Soeur Monique
Kuhnau, O Sacred Head
Mulet, Thou Art the Rock
Sowerby, Carillon
Edmundson, Jesus Crucifixus
*McKinley, When I Survey
Galuppi's Sonata D
Franck, Prelude-Fugue-Variation
Vierne, Scherzetto
Karg-Elert, Clair de Lune Karg-Elert, Clair de Lune Bingham, Four Hymn-Preludes Weinberger, Abide With Us

ALEXANDER SCHREINER St. Bartholomew's, New York March 20, 8:30 DuMage, Grand-Jeu†
Buxtehude, Prelude & Fugue Em†
Bach, My Heart is Filled
Prelude & Fugue C†
Vierne, 4: Finale†
Franck, Chorale E
Vierne, Arabessus: Madrigal, Nai

Vierne, Arabesque; Madrigal; Naiades. Sowerby, Toccata C Vierne, 6: Finale +Guild examination test pieces.

J. HERBERT SPRINGER St. Matthew's Lutheran, Hanover March 5, 19, 3:00 *Purcell, Toccata A Felton, A Little Tune Handel's Water Music Karg-Elert, Legend of Mountain* Saint-Saens, Swan Franck, Pastorale Edmundson, Setting Sun* Franck, Finale Bf

*Karg-Elert, Lord Jesus Christ; Moonlight; Jesus Priceless Treasure.
Reubke's Sonata*
Borowski, Meditation-Elegy*
Franck, Piece Heroique

FRED WILLIAMS Museum of Art, Cleveland March 1, 8:15 Marcello, Psalm 19 Purcell, Air Rossi, Miniature Franck, Prelude-Fugue-Variation Reger, Two Choralpreludes
Dupre, Fugue Gm; Ave Maris Stella.
Williams, Rhosymedre Karg-Elert, Landscape in Mist Sowerby, March Joyous

Events-Forecast: March Radio: E. Power Biggs, C.B.S. network,

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& Fugues; 26, Kornsand's new Concerto (premiere)

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Biggs' programs. April 9 he will present
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Buffalo, N.Y.: 9, recital by Buffalo

Buffalo, N.Y.: 9, recital by Buffalo A.G.O. members, place & hour not named. Junior-choir festival will be held in April,

annual meeting in May.
Cleveland: Walter Blodgett recitals, Sundays at 5:15, Cleveland Museum; Brahms Choralpreludes.

Leonia, N.J.: 5, 4:00, Mrs. John E. Fillmore recital, Presbyterian Church.

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Do.: Robert Elmore, Holy Trinity, 5, Bach's "Deck Thyself My Soul"; 19, Sowerby's "Forsaken of Man." April 2, Moore's "Darkest Hour." 'Darkest Hour.'

Toronto: Casavant Society presents Alexander Schreiner with Toronto Men Teachers Choir, 15, 8:15, Eaton Auditorium.
Wheaton, Ill.: Alexander Schreiner recital,

Gray Memorial Methodist, 10, 8:00, auspices

of the choir; 3m Austin organ. Wichita, Kans.: Charles H. Finney recital, 5, 4:00, Friends University, program of music by Presbyterians; April 2, final in the series, music by various denominations.

Berea Bach Festival

• Dr. Albert Riemenschneider announces Baldwin-Wallace's 12th annual Bach festival for April 21, 22, 23; Brandenburg Concerto, 2 secular cantatas, 3 church cantatas, Richard Ellsasser recital, violin-piano sonata, etc. Full program in April issue.

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• died Jan. 4 in Grosse Pointe, Mich., aged 69. He was born in Detroit, was organist of Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, later of St. John's, Troy, N.Y., then Incarnation, New York, and finally in 1922 of Grosse Pointe Christ Church again where "he was named head organist" in 1930. He is survived by his widow and their son, Lt. John B. Aldrich. (Thanks to Bruce M. Williams for this record) record.)

Harry D. Berlin

died Jan. 28 in Reading, Pa., aged 68.

He was born in Reading, had his early schooling in St. Paul's Choir School, Baltischooling in St. Paul's Choir School, Batti-more, and played in some half-dozen Reading churches, including Christ Church and St. Matthew's Lutheran. The newspapers said he was "carillonneur in Christ Church for 52 years." He is survived by his widow and

their son, now in the army. William A. Craven, Jr.

• died Jan. 20 of heart trouble. He was • died Jan. 20 of heart trouble. He was an organist and singer, serving as the former in St. Mary the Virgin, New York, and the Episcopal Church, Hastings, and as the latter in St. Thomas, New York; he was recently employed by the Todd Corporation. He is survived by his widow and their two chil-

Charles Winfred Douglas

odied Jan. 18 of heart trouble in Santa Rosa, Calif., where he had gone with his wife on business connected with the new Episcopal hymnal. He was born Feb. 15, 1867, in Oswego, N.Y., studied music with Percy Goetschius and Horatio Parker, and earned his Mus.Bac. in Syracuse University in 1891. He then entered St. Andrew's Divinity School, and in 1903 went abroad for further music studies in England, France,

and Germany. In 1916 Nashotah House (in Wisconsin) gave him his Mus.Doc.
He was appointed assistant organist in St. Paul's Cathedral, Syracuse, in 1889; organist of Church of Zion & St. Timothy, New York, 1892; curate of Church of Redeemer. New York, 1892; misor core of deemer, New York, 1893; minor canon of St. John's Cathedral, Denver, 1894; canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, Fond du Lac, 1907; and canon of St. John's Cathedral, Denver, 1934. In addition Canon Douglas was lec-turer on the faculty of the School of Sacred Music, New York, and lectured in various other educational institutions.

He was interested in plainsong in particular, church music in general. He had long been associated with hymns and hymnals and was the author of some half-dozen books dealing with church music.

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whose death on Nov. 22 was announced on Dec. p.299, was born Aug. 8, 1886, in Settimo-Vittone, Piedmont, Italy, and with an elder brother, Constantino now and with an elder brother, Constantino now organist of St. Vincent's, New York, to lead him on, he began music study very early with Angelo Burbatti, entered the Royal Conservatory, Milan, in 1900, studying organ with Polibio Fumagalli. He won a piano scholarship and entered Turin Conservatory, studying with Venezia, Redmondi, Belderic transferric in 1004 to Academy of Bolzoni, transferring in 1904 to Academy of St. Cecilia, Rome, graduating with highest honors in organ, piano, composition, and winning a special prize from the Italian Minister of Public Instruction. Here he studied organ with Renzi, piano with Bustini and Sgambati, composition with de Sanctis. Graduating in 1905 he became as-sistant organist to Renzi in St. Peter's, the Vatican.

He came to America in 1907 as organist of St. Francis Xavier, New York. In 1919 he returned to the Vatican as organist of the Cappella Giulia, of which he was ap-pointed Honorary Organist in 1921. He then returned to St. Francis Xavier and there remained until appointed to his final post as organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, in 1926.

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Mr. Yon married Francesca Pessagno in Mr. Yon married Francesca Pessagno in 1919, and they had one son, now a corporal in the U. S. Army. Mr. Yon became a citizen in 1921. His wife's death in 1929 was a severe blow. His sister, Lina Yon with whom he then made his home, died suddenly April 9, 1943, when Mr. Yon himself suffered a heart attack and was found by her unconscious on the floor, the shock being too great for her. In addition shock being too great for her. In addition to his brother S. Constantino Yon, New York, he is survived by three sisters and a brother Dr. Attilio Yon, all residing in Italy

Mr. Yon's recovery from his first heart attack was painfully slow. He finally regained the ability to move about, but never gamed the ability to move about, but never recovered the power of speech. Leaving the hospital he went to the Long Island home of his wife's relatives, where he died on Nov. 22 at 6:00 a.m., his son Corporal Mario with him. When it became evident he could not recover for a long time, if at all, the Cathedral appointed his friend Dr. Charles M. Courboin to assume his duties.

Mr. Yon's own "Mass for Requiem" was sung at the funeral services in St. Patrick's, Nov. 26, and at the conclusion of the mass

his "O all ye that pass by the way" was sung. The body was then placed in a vault in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Westchester, and will be taken to Italy for burial after the war

Mr. Yon was one of the great teachers Mr. Yon was one or the great teachers of his day, with Robert Elmore as perhaps the greatest of them to take their lessons on the 3m Kilgen in Mr. Yon's Carnegie Hall studio, quarters Mr. Yon and his brother occupied for several decades.

But his earlier achievements as a concert

organist are too much forgotten today. He was probably the first to give organ recitals to paid-admission audiences in Town and Carnegie Halls, New York. He was among the first to demand and get an excellent fee for his out-of-town recitals. He was among the first to play his recitals faultlessly from memory. His stage-presence and conduct were as carefully studied and guarded as his playing. I have seen a Town Hall audience days example the floor, which and audience clap, stamp the floor, whistle, and cry out as though at a ball-game, for Mr. Yon's performance of Bach's Toccata & Fugue in D-minor. And he was among the first to exemplify that superlatively crisp, staccato style of organ-playing that was then

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casional later recitals in Carnegie Hall did not compare, as he must have known they could not, with what he had been able to do in his prime in Town Hall. His compositions include, as accurately as we can secure the data, 30 masses, 15 of them published, six with orchestral accompaniment; an oratorio, "The Triumph of St. Patrick," orchestra accompaniment, premiere in Carnegie Hall, April 29, 1934; Concerto Gregoriano, organ & orchestra, arranged also Gregoriano, organ & orchestra, arranged also for organ solo, and organ-piano duet; some 100 motets covering almost the complete liturgical year, "the 15 motets for the Blessed Sacrament and Blessed Virgin, and the complete Responsoria for Holy week notable among them"; miscellaneous pieces and arrangements of his own works; about a dozen songs, including "Christ Triumphant," a superb Easter solo; a dozen piano pieces; and the most important of all, the organ pieces

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napolis. Wesley Methodist gave Mr. Gilley leave of absence and contracted with Viola Fischer as organist for duration; Miss Fischer remains with the Church. In the meantime Mr. Crosley continues for a short period both as associate professor in Naval Academy and organist of the Chapel; Mr. Gilley is particularly enjoying this brief period in which he is preparing for his future duties by close association with Mr. Crosley in

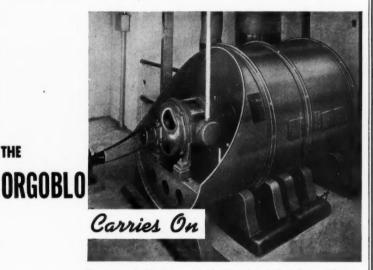
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Mr. Gilley's appointment is probably due to his unusual success in handling the men's choirs with which he worked in the navy, as choirs with which he worked in the navy, as commented on in these pages recently. Mr. Gilley says, "It was interesting and I enjoyed the work, but it was hard, since I had a different choir each week." In Academy Chapel he will have the organ Moller rebuilt and enlarged only a few years ago (see May 1942) and a choir of the Academy's midshipmen, with him for three years in these wartime days; at the direction of the Academy commandant he will probably also Academy commandant he will probably also direct the Academy glee-club.

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